How to live in Beverly Hills like a celebrity local

Staying in a private residence in Los Angeles' Beverly Hills.

Jennifer Lawrence has apparently lived in the ‘private residences’ that I’m about to reside in when she was filming *The Silver Linings Playbook* in Philadelphia, so I can almost sort of say I’m living her life, right? When you’ve been travelling for work, staying more as a local in a private residence like AKA residences (like Lawrence, Kathleen Turner, Richard Gere and Shannen Doherty), is a welcome relief.

With apartments and townhouses that have separate entrances, it’s staying at a luxury private home; think fireplaces in your personal living room, dining rooms, kitchens, marble-filled bathrooms and Wholefoods practically next door.
If staying in to cook is less your vibe, then Wolfgang Puck’s power lunch restaurant Spago’s is nearby - you can make like a celebrity and even take the private back entrance. For lighter fare there is also Japanese stalwart Sugarfish, which controversially serves its sashimi rice warm and is a regularly frequented by Kendall Jenner and Justin Bieber.

Barneys New York, Saks Fifth Avenue, Neiman Marcus and Rodeo Drive are within walking distance, though real celebrities would probably drive and use the valet parking at the back.

Further afield is the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, and Melrose Place with sumptuous stores by fashion labels Zimmermann, Isabel Marant and Vanessa Seward. For a unique retail experience, take a look at The Apartment by The Line for a curation of fashion and lifestyle, and beauty store Violet Grey which edits the best of beauty.